

**Arkansas Masters Swim Club  
Annual Meeting  
Bentonville, Arkansas  
June 8, 2012**

Present: Jeff Spencer, David Gillanders, Whitney Sutherland, Tonya Vandermey, Deb Spencer,  
Lori Terlouw, Carolyn Haefner, Howard Rutenberg

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Howard Rutenberg reviewed the minutes from the previous annual Arkansas Masters meeting held on July 16, 2011. The minutes were approved as written.

**Officer Reports**

Registrar-Brent Tininenko

Brent reported that Arkansas Masters currently has 127 members. The percentage of members who registered online was 94%. Online registration was up from 82% the previous year which places Arkansas in the top ten of all USMS clubs in online membership. **It was requested that all Arkansas meet directors ensure that participants register to become members of Arkansas Masters.**

Treasurer-Deb Spencer-2011 Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Deb reported \$3985 in revenue and \$3701 in expenses (\$284 revenue over expenses) for calendar year 2011. Arkansas Masters had \$11,023 in savings and \$13,499 total (in cash and savings). Highlights included a \$600 donation to the Jones Center and \$650 transferred to savings from checking.

Webmaster-David Gillanders

David reported that the new software (Dreamweaver) has been working well. **He recommended that members view the website for useful information and also to suggest updates to existing information, particularly "Places to Swim."**

Sanctions-Lynn Palmer

Lynn submitted a report that indicated that sanction requests as of February, 2012 are given online from USMS. Applications are now completed online and given approval, disapproval and edited from the sanction chairs.

Lynn indicated that ARM has received three sanctions and one recognition, to date:

- Hall of Fame Meet, April 28-sanctioned
- Open Water Swim, Hickory Creek, Beaver Lake, May 28-sanctioned
- NW Arkansas Aquatics Masters Invitational, June 8 & 9-sanctioned
- Arkansas Senior Olympics-September 22-recognized

### Secretary/Newsletter-Howard Rutenberg

Howard expressed gratitude to the officers and members who submitted content, photos and suggestions for the quarterly newsletters. He requested continued input from members.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

#### 2012 Annual USMS Convention

Jeff reported that this year's convention is to be held in Greensboro, NC, September 12-16. Jeff Spencer is considering attending. Jeff requested that if anyone else is interested in attending to please notify him. Arkansas Masters reimburses 75% of the attendee's reasonable expenses.

#### ARM Swim Event Sponsorships

There was a discussion regarding the fact that organizing meets is labor-intensive and time consuming. It was noted that attendance has been dropping at Arkansas meets and that the annual meet in Ft. Smith (Creekmore Pool) was a casualty this year because attendance had been low last year.

**Carolyn Haefner moved that ARM provide \$100 to any local group that organizes an Arkansas Masters supported swim event. The motion was seconded by Lori Terlouw and was passed unanimously.**

#### Calendar

Tonya noted that the second annual Wal-Mart Invitational (short course yards) will be held once again at the Wal-Mart Life Fitness Center in Bentonville on October 13. It was noted that there will be no Ft. Smith meet in August.

#### Other

**A motion was made by Howard to once again provide financial support (\$500) to the Long Dam Swim to be held at Beaver Lake August 3 and 4. Whitney seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

### **Election of Officers**

The following slate of officers was proposed for additional two-year terms:

Registrar-Brent Tininenko  
Treasurer-Deb Spencer  
Sanctions-Lynn Palmer  
Webmaster-David Gillanders  
Top Ten-Doug Martin

**It was moved and seconded that the above-mention officers be approved for two year terms. The motion was passed unanimously.**

The Records Chair position was also up for election. Marvin Schwartz currently holds that position. Tonya Vandermey expressed interest in the position. **It was moved (Carolyn Haefner) and seconded that Tonya be elected to that position.** The motion passed unanimously. Marvin was thanked for his service and leadership in that position and as a long-time member of Arkansas Masters.

During the course of discussing the Records Chair position and the current record-keeping process, it was suggested that more responsibility be assumed by the Records Chair for tabulating new records. A new process will be developed that will focus on the Records Chair reviewing Arkansas swim meet results and culling new records from submitted meet results. It is hoped that it will no longer be the responsibility of the Arkansas swimmer to notify the Records Chair of a record set in an Arkansas meet. It will, however, continue to be the responsibility of Arkansas swimmers who set records in out-of-state meets to submit evidence of their swims to the Records Chair for tabulation.

A written new records process will be submitted to David Gillanders by Tonya Vandermey for publication on the Arkansas Masters website.

Also, David will investigate an e-mail link or form that can be utilized by swimmers to submit swimmers' records achieved out-of-state.

Communication-Social Media Coordinator

It was mentioned that communications within the club are so important and that we could do a much better job of fulfilling that function. After further discussion it was suggested that Arkansas Masters establish a Social Media Coordinator. During discussion, Whitney Sutherland expressed interest in that position. **It was moved by Deb Spencer and seconded that this position be established and that Whitney be elected to the position of Social Media Coordinator.** The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Rutenberg  
Secretary